

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of FairPoint)
Communications Corp. for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)
Telecommunications Service in Portions of the) **Case No. TA-2000-514**
State of Missouri and to Classify Said)
Services and the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER CANCELING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On May 19, 2000, FairPoint Communications Corp. (FairPoint) filed a motion requesting that the prehearing conference scheduled for May 22, 2000 be postponed to allow the parties more time to complete a stipulation and agreement that would resolve all outstanding issues in this case. The motion indicates that counsel for FairPoint has discussed this matter with counsel for all other parties and that none object to the continuance of the prehearing conference. FairPoint indicates that it hopes to be able to file a stipulation and agreement by May 30.

Based on FairPoint's motion, the prehearing conference scheduled for May 22, 2000 will be canceled. The requirement that the parties file a proposed procedural schedule no later than May 30, 2000, will also be canceled. If the parties are unable to agree upon a stipulation and agreement the prehearing conference may be rescheduled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Continuance of Prehearing Conference filed by FairPoint Communications Corp. is granted.
2. That the prehearing conference scheduled for May 22, 2000 is canceled.

3. That the requirement that the parties file a proposed procedural schedule no later than May 30, 2000 is canceled.

4. That this order shall become effective on May 23, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of
authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1), (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of May, 2000.